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SUBJECT: GAME PLAN FOR REST OF THE TRIP
REF: JERUSALEM 560

1. OUR PRELIMINARY REACTION TO YOUR PROPOSED GAME PLAN IS GENERALLY TO AGREE, WITH ONE IMPORTANT TENTATIVE RESERVATION AT WORKING GROUP LEVEL--NAMELY, WHETHER YOU SHOULD PLAN TO PRESENT U.S. DRAFT TO ISRAELIS AND EGYPTIANS ON LAST ROUND OF TALKS, AS PROPOSED PARAGRAPH 5. LATEST STRATEGY PAPER OF WHICH WE SENT YOU SUMMARY IS STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION BY SECRETARY AND WE ARE NOW TRYING TO PLAN OUT MOVES OVER THE NEXT TWO MONTHS, LOOKING BEYOND BEGIN VISIT INTO APRIL AND EARLY MAY. WE ARE TRYING TO PUT INTO THAT TIME FRAME A PHASED SERIES OF EVENTS (BEGIN VISIT, YOUR NEXT TRIP, THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON ARMS) AND DECISIONS THAT ARE INTER-RELATED.

2. IN THAT CONTEXT, WE ARE INCLINED TO THINK IT MIGHT BE
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PREMATURE TO SURFACE AN AMERICAN DRAFT SO EARLY. WE HAVE IN MIND SOME OTHER WAYS OF KEEPING A USEFUL NEGOTIATION GOING, IF THE CURRENT EXCHANGE OF LANGUAGE OUTLIVES ITS USEFULNESS, COORDINATED WITH OTHER MOVES WE ARE CONSIDERING.

3. I REALIZE THIS IS ALL PRETTY INSCRUTABLE BUT WE WILL GIVE YOU SOME MORE SPECIFIC EXPLANATION AND SUGGESTIONS IN

THE NEXT COUPLE OF DAYS SO YOU WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO
REGISTER YOUR FURTHER VIEWS. WE WILL HAVE YOUR TIMETABLE
VERY MUCH IN MIND AND TRY TO ALLOW TIME BOTH FOR DISCUSSION
BACK AND FORTH AND PREPARATION FOR YOUR FINAL ROUNDS OF
MEETINGS IN JERUSALEM AND CAIRO. VANCE

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